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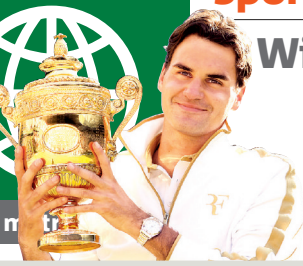

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CARTOON Metro Canada is getting into the funny business.

Starting today, Metro will be publishing Six Chix, an innovative daily comic created by a group of female cartoonists.

Each daily Six Chix comic, appearing on the Celebrity Buzz page, is created by a different cartoonist — including Rina Piccolo. A Toronto native, whose comics will appear every Wednesday, Piccolo's work has been seen in numerous magazines, books, cartoon anthologies and greeting cards. Along with your daily dose of Six Chix, Metro Canada is now offering more than 60 cartoon strips a day, and an archive of more than 1,500 comics, on its website, metronews.ca These strips include classics like the Amazing Spider-Man, Family Circus and Hagar the Horrible. You can email them to a friend, rate them, and even create your own humorous captions. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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HEATHER BUCHAN/FOR METRO TORONTO

David the Copper Cowboy gives credit to Dave Johnson, a fellow busker, for helping him to get into the street performing business. The Copper Cowboy performs at the corner of Yonge and Dundas for Toronto crowds during the summer months.

Bronzed busking

Copper Cowboy gets even the toughest hombres smiling

Sunny Side

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Toronto

A sea of people pass by in all directions. Some glance over and smile, others stop to stare in fascination before lifting their cameras to capture the bronzed cowboy, which, at first glance appears to be a statue, until a sudden robotic movement reveals it is, in fact, a person.

At that moment, a group of children break into laughter.

"The whole gag in this is catching people's disbelief for just a second or two," says David, the 31-year-old Torontonian otherwise known as the Copper Cowboy.

A tower rigger by trade, David has been performing as a living statue on the corner of Yonge and Dundas for the past four summers.

Each fall, he heads to northern Ontario to install and maintain communications and hydro towers during the harsh winter months. But come May, he hits the same spot across from Yonge-Dundas Square along with other musicians and artists, otherwise known as buskers, who perform on the streets of Toronto for tips.

"I got started with Chalkmaster Dave," he says of Toronto sidewalk artist, Dave Johnson, who encouraged David to start performing when he was down and out in 2006. "Dave Johnson saved my life. He was footing the bill so I could get going at this," explains David.

"It's kind of meditative," he says of his summer gig — which, aside from the costume, numerous containers of copper makeup and a propensity for stillness, also requires David to purchase an annual permit from the city.

He knows he's not going to get rich. "The money's hit and miss," he says.

So why does he do it? "It's the look on people's faces," he explains. "It sounds corny, but it's a totally different experience to have a lot of strangers look at you and smile. I don't know if I'm making their day or anything, but you get a nice smile for a couple of minutes."

To prove his point, he stares at a grave-looking man hastily passing by. When the man glances over, David, glistening from head to toe in copper, smiles at him. The man smiles back. "See, he was frowning a minute ago. I can take the toughest guys and make them smile."

City wins court injunction, begins spraying Christie Pits

STRIKE As the stench of rotting garbage wafts over Christie Pits on a balmy summer day, residents scrawl a message in multicoloured chalk on the adjacent street: "Parks are not dumps."

As a third week dawns in the labour dispute between the city and its workers, those living near flash points are doing whatever they can to be heard.

When the city's public health department ordered inspectors to assess the refuse at Christie Pits and cloak it with a cocktail of insecticide and chemical deodorant, those inspectors were blocked by pickets on at least two occasions. According to the city, they sought and won a court injunction Saturday, enabling them to resume. But as public health officials began spraying pesticides on the downtown park being used as a temporary dump site yesterday, residents said they were feeling helpless.

"I get the feeling we're being held hostage for political expediency," local resident Boris Steipe said.

City spokeswoman Patricia Trott insists the legal proceeding was done with the health and safety of the public in mind.

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Cops searching for predator who held woman captive
Durham police are searching for a man they call a dangerous predator after a woman was held captive in an Oshawa home and assaulted over a span of 12 hours Saturday. Around 2 p.m., officers were called to the residence after a 59-year-old female told police her attacker had just fled. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Knife blades found in energy drinks

Health Canada and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration are warning consumers not to buy two types of energy drinks, saying that utility knife blades were found in two vials in an apparent case of tampering. The FDA said yesterday that the blades were found in one vial each of Hardcore Energize Bullet drink and New Whey liquid products. Both are being recalled. Hardcore Energize Bullet is sold in Canada in two flavours, Blue Rage and Black Rush. New Whey is made and sold in the United States. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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These results are not official.

Students targeted on Facebook

Marketers setting up fake academic groups to get personal information

Prospective university students are falling prey to a growing Facebook fraud as marketers set up fake academic groups to vacuum up their personal information.

After a sweep that shut down a number of fraudulent groups last month, a new batch has sprung up, targeting the classes of 2014 and 2015, and experts say more are on the way.

The stakes are high — potentially years' worth of data and thousands of contacts in a desirable demographic. So high, in fact, one company allegedly tried to bribe and blackmail a student to help a scam.

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lysan Sequeira, who was a member of a fake Facebook group targeting students, will be going to U of T in the fall.

Hundreds of students in the GTA were told in June to abandon fake "Class of 2013" Facebook groups, many sporting official school logos. A sweep shut down groups targeting classes at more than a dozen major Canadian universities, including the University of Toronto, York and Ryerson.

There is "a whole subculture" of people trying to make a quick buck by impersonating legitimate organizations and celebrities online, says Avner Levin, director of the Privacy and Cyber Crime Institute at Ryerson University.

The set-up goes beyond sending ads to those who join the fraudulent groups, Levin says. Unbeknownst to students, marketers are building mailing lists, collecting personal information that they can store and sell for years, he says.

"It's a numbers game — the more people, the more information, the more money."

Lysan Sequeira left a fake University of Toronto group after receiving a warning message from a real U of T group. The Mississauga resident is angry marketers are profiting from students' pre-university jitters.

"Students are joining these groups to learn more about university, and not because they want to get spammed," said Sequeira.

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Barrie cops stabbed, man shot

CRIME Two police officers are seriously injured and a knife-wielding man is dead after shots were fired outside a busy mall located along the route to tourist-favourite Wasaga Beach.

Police say a fight erupted yesterday around 10:30 a.m. when two officers responded to a trouble call outside Bayfield Mall in Barrie, one hour north of Toronto.

"During the call there was an altercation and both of the officers on scene were stabbed with a knife and one person was shot and killed," said Barrie police Const. John Parliament.

"The injuries were serious in nature but obviously we hope for the best."
Const. John Parliament

Witnesses told the Barrie Examiner they believed one officer was stabbed in the neck and the other in the arm before the pair chased down the suspect and opened fire.

All three men were rushed to an area hospital, where one officer was believed to have undergone surgery.

"The injuries were serious in nature but obviously we hope for the best," said Parliament.

He did not provide further details as members of the provincial Special Investigations Unit, attended the scene. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teen arrested for house fires

ARSON Residents in a Mississauga neighbourhood yesterday where shocked to learn that a quiet and ordinary 19-year-old Toronto man had been arrested in connection with setting two fires that caused $11 million damage to a nearby townhouse development.

Adam Zyskowski, made a brief court appearance yesterday afternoon in Brampton.

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News in brief

HOUSING A 44-unit affordable housing project in Toronto for single mothers who are victims of abuse is one of 23 "construction-ready" projects in Ontario announced as part of a $52 million federal-provincial housing initiative. The project, to be built on Donlands Avenue., north of the Danforth, will be part of WoodGreen Community Services' Homeward Bound program.

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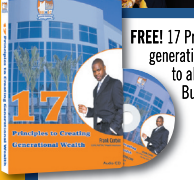

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Hog farmers protest at Queen's Park

Dozens of hog farmers — with 50 pigs — gathered at the provincial legislature Friday to protest what they call government inaction in the face of a crisis that has been growing for years and worsened by fears around swine flu. Pigs are selling for about $5 to $7, when the cost of production is $34 to $36, said a farmer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moss Park dump could grow

Site reduced from original size, but city says that may change

T.O.CivilStrike

In stark contrast to the Christie Pits site, which stopped accepting new trash yesterday after a group of activists rallied against their parklands becoming a dump, many Moss Park residents have quietly accepted the influx of trash in their green space.

The park, near Queen and Sherbourne, sits near three of the city's largest homeless shelters, and is a popular refuge for the area's underprivileged. There's a playground, a community garden, a cricket field and a dog park.

"The garbage has to go somewhere," said J.J. Witherspoon, a psychologist who has lived in the area for 16 years.

Joachim Kun, a 62-year-old drifter who has been sleeping in the park, has watched black trash bags slowly fill the nearby basketball courts.

"I really don't notice the smell," said Kun. "It's OK right now."

When the fences were erected 10 days ago, they stretched the length of the park, prompting several complaints from residents that they had been robbed of their public space.

On Thursday, the dump zone was reduced, the result of several fences being repeatedly knocked over.

"I seen people going over the fence to play soccer, to walk their dogs. They didn't like it," resident Danielle Humphreys said.

The site now sits adjacent to the Moss Park arena, away from the fields where a handful of people played baseball Saturday afternoon.

But that could change. If the current zone reaches capacity, the city would expand the dumpsite back onto the fields, city spokesperson Cheryn Thoun said.

Perry Missal, who has been lobbying the city to consider an alternate dumpsite, says the re-expansion would spur some major opposition among park users.

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The Christie Pits garbage dump, shown here, is pretty full and stopped taking trash yesterday. The original dump zone at Moss Park downtown was reduced after complaints, but it could expand again, says a city spokesperson.

City construction tenders suspended

T.O.CivilStrike

Tens of millions of dollars worth of city construction has been suspended because the strike by Toronto municipal workers has halted tendering.

One construction firm is worried the city will miss out on getting federal stimulus money if projects can't be awarded and completed before Ottawa's deadline.

Most large city projects involving sewers, watermains and road work are performed by private contractors who compete for the right to do the work.

Toronto's website shows that 10 projects on which tenders were due to close this week have been suspended because of the strike. Most are for water and sewer work.

Bob Kaye, of Clearway Construction in Mississauga, said delays in awarding contracts could push some projects into next year's construction season.

Kaye points out that the federal government's special economic stimulus fund is supposed to help pay for some infrastructure projects this year.

Lou Di Gironimo, general manager of Toronto Water, said it's unlikely the projects whose tenders have been delayed so far would miss out on federal infrastructure funding deadlines, even if the strike drags on.

"They don't take that long to complete," he said. "We're OK from that time frame."

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Projects on hold

- While no specific dollar figures are listed for the projects on hold, most require bidders to post bid bonds.
- Those bonds usually are in the range of 5 to 10 per cent of the estimated cost of the project, said Clearway Construction's Bob Kaye. Bid bonds listed for the suspended contracts total nearly $3 million, which means the suspended projects could be worth up to $60 million for private contractors.

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On July 8, Waterfront Toronto is holding a public meeting to present plans and discuss key features of East Bayfront including its water's edge promenade, Parliament WaveDeck and evolving design for the innovative stormwater management system.

A presentation will be made by world renowned landscape architect Adriaan Geuze of the West 8 + DTAH design team. In addition, updates will be provided on construction activities and upcoming groundbreakings for Sherbourne Park and Sugar Beach.

Workbooks will be distributed and public feedback will be solicited. Members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions and share ideas.

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Golf pro hitting air with city strike

T.O.CivilStrike

The two-week-old city strike has already cost Lianne Ritchie about $16,000.

If the labour dispute continues into August, it might end up costing the 46-year-old golf professional her house in Whitby.

"I just want the strike to be over so I can resume making a living," she said. "Right now I'm just looking to survive today and tomorrow."

Under a private contract with the city, Ritchie has been the golf pro at the municipally owned Scarlett Woods Golf Course for 15 years. She manages the pro shop, purchases equipment and merchandise, and pays the staff from her own pocket.

The city's five golf courses closed last week in the wake of the strike by municipal workers, which began June 22. This has cut the pros from their shops and from readily available space in which to hold lessons.

The other four city-owned courses are Tam O'Shanter, Don Valley, Dentonia and Humber Valley.

The closures come at an especially inconvenient time — May to July is peak golf season.

"I'm not coming down on the city … they've given me a (venue) to make a living," Ritchie said. "I just want the public to know. I don't think a lot of people know there are privatized contracts that are affected."

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Layoffs

- The golf pro said she had to lay off four university students she had hired for the season. She also had to cancel a free five-week junior golf clinic that would have started today. Twenty kids had already signed up.

Keeping the rodents from enjoying trash feast

T.O.CivilStrike

Orkin PCO, the pest control firm hired to place bait stations for rats at the city's temporary dump sites, says there's no evidence yet of more rats in the city. (It's not known how many there are.) But pest control experts and biologists say with plenty of food in public places conditions are ideal for the numbers to rise.

Rats will breed more successfully, the babies will be healthier, the females will store reserves of fat and there will be shorter periods between births. Their survival rates will go up, though the strike would have to continue for some months to see this delayed effect.

Exterminators are putting out "rodenticides" in tamper proof stations that are fastened to a wall or fence. The rodenticides are anti-coagulants, which will kill the rats four to six days after feeding.

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Norway rat

- Rats are enthusiastic breeders. Their gestation period is 22 to 24 days and the average female can give birth seven times a year. One female Norway (or brown) rat — the kind we have in Toronto — can produce 60 offspring each year.

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Arctic research stations to begin rebuilds

Inuvik's Aurora Research Institute and three other research stations across the Arctic are set to begin major rebuilds to give Canadian and international scientists a modern platform for modern science. Each of the stations received $11 million from the federal Arctic Research Infrastructure Fund. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Soldier succumbs to wounds

A deadly improvised explosive device of the type that has slashed into the ranks of Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan has claimed another victim, bringing the Canadian military death toll in the country to 122. Master Cpl. Charles-Philippe Michaud died in a Quebec City hospital from devastating injuries he sustained from a landmine while on foot patrol in the Panjwaii district on June 23, the Canadian Forces said yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scam successes on the rise

Officials blame economic downturn for jump in fraud

Fraud artists are finding it easier amid a battered economy to entrap marks with dubious offers once easily dismissed as scams, and are snaring a growing number of victims to the tune of millions of dollars a month, experts say.

The Competition Bureau is warning that recessions are "boom times for scammers" and predicts desperate Canadians will fall into traps offering easy cash online, by phone and mail.

Statistics provided by Phonebusters — the Canadian anti-fraud call centre run by the RCMP, the Competition Bureau and Ontario Provincial Police — show Canadians are increasingly falling prey to scams of all types.

"Fraud does tend to increase in economic downturns," said Ian Nielsen-Jones, the Competition Bureau's assistant deputy commissioner.

Vulnerable people sometimes lower their defences and make bad decisions as times get tough, while others on the borderline of lawful society turn to crime, Nielsen-Jones said.

Scams involving promises of employment are on the rise, while other ploys like lottery scams that had virtually disappeared because the public had gotten wise to the ruse are now making a comeback, he added.

Even the most outlandish scams continue to be successful. Among those is the so-called Nigerian letter scam, which typically offers too-good-to-be true promises of untold millions from an African country in exchange for some simple help with a few bank transactions.

The offer — which is usually passed along in broken English and riddled with grammatical errors — sees an average of 10 Canadians each month falling for it and getting soaked for as much as hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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Identity theft

- More than 1,000 Canadians contact Phonebusters every month after being victimized by identify theft and through June 30 of this year, almost 6,700 people complained that they had lost about $5.2 million.

Vancouver **Getting cheeky**

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO CANADA

Participants at the 13th annual Bare Buns Run/Walk show off their decorated behinds at Vancouver's Wreck Beach yesterday. The annual event raised money to preserve Wreck Beach in as natural a state as possible.

RCMP ask for patience after 6th B.C. pipeline bombing

ATTACKS It's been nine months since the first of six explosions targeting EnCana's natural gas operations in northeastern B.C.

But with the bomber still at large and months since investigators have announced any new leads in the case, the RCMP are asking for patience as they investigate the two latest explosions.

A blast on Canada Day at a wellhead near the village of Pouce Coupe marked the first attack since January, and crews working to repair that site heard yet another explosion Saturday on a nearby pipeline.

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News in brief

RESISTERS The Harper government is denying claims that it stripped a section on Vietnam from a federal website to boost its case for deporting Iraq war resisters. Text on how both draft dodgers and resisters of the Vietnam War were ultimately allowed to stay in Canada suddenly vanished from the Citizenship and Immigration website earlier this year.

POLITICS Conservative MPs hastened last month to sponsor 28 private-members' bills proposed by Liberal or independent senators — a novel procedural tactic that Liberals suspect is designed to stop the bills dead in their tracks, despite government denials. "They've found a way to hijack the process," fumed Liberal Senator Dennis Dawson. "Now I know that even if I get (my bill) through the Senate ... it will be hijacked in the other place by somebody who represents a party that's already opposed to it."

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Mob attack delays rescue: Police

Montreal police say they had to stop helping an attempted murder victim when they were pelted with rocks by a mob. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Linda Hawkins shares a moment with son Joe Philion, 36, in her small Courtenay, B.C. home. Joe was burned to 90 per cent of his body in a house fire near Orillia, Ont. in 1988 when he was 14. He's near the end of his life as his body shuts down from more than two decades of trying to heal.

Philion ready to die

Burn victim's body shutting down after 21 years

Twenty-one years after the house fire that branded him a selfless hero and burned him to within an inch of his life, Joe Philion is finally ready to die.

Philion was just 14 when 90 per cent of his body was burned in a house fire, leaving him in constant pain.

His story made headlines in Ontario and around the world, first as a hero who risked his life to save his family, and then as a pariah as the community that had embraced him felt let down by the teenager.

Contrary to published accounts at the time, Philion's mother, Linda Hawkins, said he awoke to see flames in the family's Orillia, Ont., area home early on the morning of March 10, 1988

> **"He's not afraid to die at all. In fact, he's looking forward to it."**
> Linda Hawkins

Hawkins said the teen hauled his younger brother out of bed before running to her room in an effort to save her, too. Philion was unaware that his mom had left the house before he woke up.

Philion became a human fireball before he jumped through a window to escape. Two decades later, Hawkins said her son is now ready to die.

"He's not afraid to die at all," she said. "In fact, he's looking forward to it."

Now 36, Philion has endured hundreds of surgeries. He's bedridden and bloated, and having problems emptying his bladder because catheters no longer work, Hawkins said from Courtenay, B.C., where the family now lives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

G8 must respond to pollution: Oxfam

DISEASE The globe's richest powerhouses must get serious about how First World pollution is spreading disease and hunger in the poorest countries, says a new report.

Oxfam International is calling for drastic action on global warming as Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other Group of Eight leaders gather tomorrow in Italy.

"We need to stop harming and start helping," says the report Suffering the Science: Climate Change, People and Poverty.

"Almost every observation and prediction about health, food security, water shortage, natural disasters, famine, drought and conflict is worsening at an alarming rate."

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Federal report advises citizenship extension

RIGHTS Ottawa should grant citizenship rights to people born outside the country to a Canadian parent, provided the mother or father lived in Canada for a given time before the child was born, says a parliamentary report.

The recommendation from the standing committee on citizenship and immigration comes after Bill C-37, which took effect in April, discontinued the practice of giving citizenship to children born outside Canada to parents who are naturalized Canadians.

"It is in Canada's interest for the government to ensure that citizenship is not passed on to 'citizens of convenience'," the all-party committee said in its report last week.

But, it added: "We are of the opinion that the parents' attachment to Canada can be measured by the amount of time they resided in Canada before their child was born."

Bill C-37 was introduced in response to the problem of "lost Canadians," people who had fallen through the cracks in previous citizenship laws and weren't considered citizens — something they learned about only when they applied for citizenship documents. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Lost Canadians'

- The simplified rules helped resolve 95 per cent of the "lost Canadian" cases, though at least 71 of them remain outstanding. But it also meant that second-generation children born abroad, and children born to people whose Canadian parents had adopted them overseas, lost their assumed right to citizenship.

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U.S. won't stand in Israel's way: Biden

Vice-President Joe Biden says the U.S. will not stand in Israel's way if they believe military action is needed to eliminate Iran's nuclear threat. Israel considers Iran its most dangerous adversary and is wary of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has repeatedly called for Israel to be wiped off the map. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Resignation questionable: Republicans

One of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin's potential presidential rivals said yesterday that her abrupt resignation Friday won't help her dodge scrutiny. George W. Bush's chief political adviser said her strategy is, at best, unclear. Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee said Palin's announcement that she would not seek a second term — and leave office before finishing her first — doesn't make sense in a conventional political setting. Karl Rove, a Bush counsellor, said Palin has engaged in a "risky strategy." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wife blows U.K. spy chief's cover

FACEBOOK Holiday snapshots and family details about the newly appointed head of Britain's MI6 intelligence agency have been removed from a Facebook page after a newspaper told the government about them. Pictures from the website published in a newspaper yesterday show John Sawers posing with his children, wearing a Santa hat and playing Frisbee on a beach. The paper said the information was posted by Sawers' wife on her Facebook page. Some politicians called the details a security lapse — but others said they revealed nothing but a few mildly embarrassing domestic details.

"It's not a state secret that he wears Speedo swimming trunks," said Foreign Secretary David Miliband. "For goodness' sake, let's grow up." But Conservative legislator Patrick Mercer, who heads parliament's counterterrorism subcommittee, said the revelations left Sawers open "to criticism and blackmail."

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Missiles capable of key strikes

NORTH KOREA The ballistic missiles that North Korea test-fired this weekend were capable of striking key facilities in South Korea, a defence official said yesterday, amid growing concerns over the North's firepower. North Korean state media did not mention the launches but boasted that the country's military could impose "merciless punishment" on those who provoke it. Details of the launches were still under investigation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Plane denied landing

Honduran president turned away amid clashes

Ousted President Manuel Zelaya was kept from landing at the main Honduras airport yesterday because the runway was blocked by groups of soldiers with military vehicles, some of them lined up against a crowd of thousands outside. His Venezuelan pilot circled around the airport and decided not to risk a crash.

Zelaya landed in Nicaragua and vowed to try again today or tomorrow in his high-stakes effort to return to power in a country where all branches of government have lined up against him, including the military that shot up his house and sent him into exile in his pyjamas a week earlier.

"I am the commander of the armed forces, elected by the people, and I ask the armed forces to comply with the order to open the airport so that there is no problem in landing and embracing with my people," Zelaya said from the plane.

"Today I feel like I have sufficient spiritual strength, blessed with the blood of Christ, to be able to arrive there and raise the crucifix."

But interim President Roberto Micheletti insisted on preventing the plane from landing, and said he won't negotiate until "things return to normal."

"We will be here until the country calms down," Micheletti said. "We are the authentic representatives of the people."

Micheletti also alleged that Nicaragua is moving troops to their border in an attempt at psychological intimidation, and warned them not to cross into Honduras, "because we're ready to defend our border."

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega called the allegation "totally false."

Violence broke out among the huge crowd surrounding the airport, with at least one man killed — shot in the head from inside the airport as people tried to break through a security fence, according to an Associated Press photographer at the scene. At least 30 people were treated for injuries, the Red Cross said, after security forces fired warning shots and tear gas.

When Zelaya's plane was turned away, his supporters began chanting "We want blue helmets!" — a reference to UN peacekeepers.

Honduras' new government has vowed to arrest Zelaya for 18 alleged criminal acts including treason and failing to implement more than 80 laws approved by Congress since taking office in 2006.

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> **"Today I feel like I have sufficient spiritual strength, blessed with the blood of Christ, to be able to arrive there and raise the crucifix."**
> Honduran President Manuel Zelaya, before his plane was turned away

Bishop says gays should 'repent'

RELIGION A senior Church of England bishop has angered gay-rights campaigners by saying homosexuals should repent. Archbishop of Rochester Michael Nazir-Ali told the Sunday Telegraph newspaper that the Bible defined marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

He said the church welcomed gay people, "but we want them to repent and be changed." Gay groups condemned the bishop's remarks. Campaigner Peter Tatchell said Nazir-Ali's view "goes against Christ's gospel of love and compassion."

The 77 million-member Anglican Communion has been splintering since 2003, when the Episcopal Church — the Anglican body in the U.S. — consecrated the first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has tried to hold the fragile communion together by getting churches to observe a voluntary moratorium on consecrating another openly gay bishop and developing prayers for same-sex unions. But many fear a split is inevitable.

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Spain **No bull**

ALVARO BARRIENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Animal rights activists with their bodies covered in blood and wearing fake "banderillas" darts lay on the ground during a protest in Pamplona, prior to the start of the San Fermin Festival, which includes the running of the bulls, in Spain yesterday.

News in brief

CRASH Officials said yesterday that two monorail trains crashed in the Magic Kingdom section of Walt Disney World in Orlando, killing one train's operator. Authorities said one train operator died at the scene of the crash. The other train operator was not injured, but was taken to a hospital because he was emotionally shaken. Five park guests were treated at the scene. It was unclear what caused the crash. Orange County Sheriff's officials are investigating.

CHINA Floods blocked roads in southern China, leaving some 300 teenagers stranded at a school with limited supplies of food and water, an official said yesterday, after days of heavy rain killed at least 15 people.

IRAN Tehran said yesterday it has released a British-Greek journalist held for more than two weeks following disputed elections. Iason Athanasiadis was believed to be the only journalist held in the crackdown who does not hold Iranian citizenship. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rats, tents and insights

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Today, I'm marking another birthday. Actually the big day isn't until August but leaving it until the last minute doesn't allow for important birthday activities such as reflection, goal-setting and making out a really good gift list. If "it's better to give than receive," I wouldn't dream of leaving my friends and family out of the good part.

Birthdays are an excellent time to take stock of what you've learned in the past year.

Here's my list.

1 If you drive a Smart car, it's a good idea to close the sunroof before you press the windshield sprayer button. Trust me.

2 Advice from my friend, Rob. If you can't get served in a large, well-known Canadian hardware store, start putting together a tent. Rob spent a half-hour searching for assistance with camping gear, finally deciding that all sales associates must be hiding in the back room. I've worked in retail and I can tell you that no salesperson would ever be allowed to do that. That's where the manager hides. Finally, Rob decided to try putting together a tent. Within seconds, three employees appeared, eager to stop him. "They said it was a question of cleanliness," he said, which seems odd, given where tents end up. Rob is now considering carrying a tent around with him in case he needs assistance in other places.

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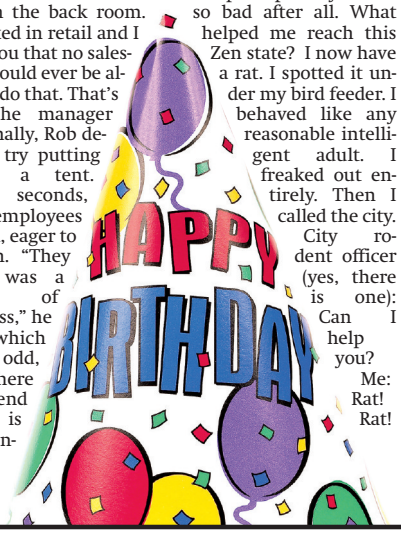

3 For years I've battled squirrels in my yard but lately I've come to accept that perhaps they're not so bad after all. What helped me reach this Zen state? I now have a rat. I spotted it under my bird feeder. I behaved like any reasonable intelligent adult. I freaked out entirely. Then I called the city.

City rodent officer (yes, there is one): Can I help you?

Me: Rat! Rat!

CRO: Can you describe the situation, ma'am?

Me: Rat! Rat!

CRO: Rats aren't really more dangerous than squirrels. I'm not sure why people get so agitated.

Me: Um … because it's a rat?

CRO: How often is it appearing?

Me: Every few minutes.

CRO: That's its mate.

Me: That's my other rat?

The lesson? When you find yourself in a frustrating, unpleasant situation, remind yourself of one thing: It can always get worse. This morning I looked out and there were pigeons.

Sunroofs, tents, rodents. Not a very impressive list. But all about being ready to learn from whatever life brings. And perhaps, after all, wisdom is like birthday gifts. The best lessons come in the smallest insights.

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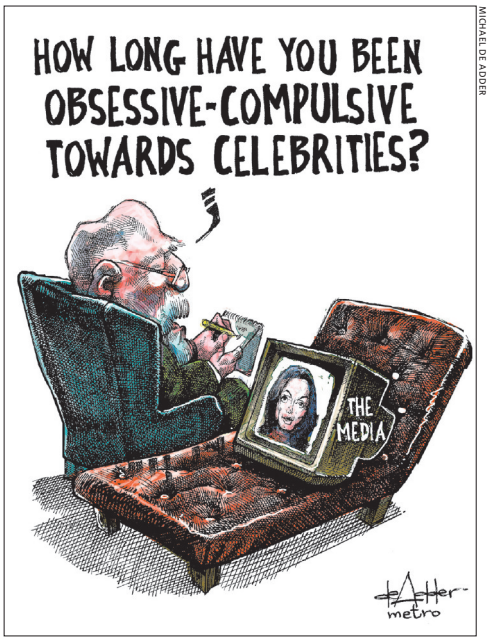

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Views

TTC able to make changes for riders

InTransit

Ed Drass

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It's a bumpy road, but the TTC and other GTA transit systems are slowly becoming easier for people with disabilities. So expect more users of electric scooters and other mobility devices on board buses and trains.

The latest trend is "travel training" — helping users of specialized paratransit services like Wheel-Trans switch to the "conventional" network. This is not a simple transition, since government has to buy low-floor vehicles and elevators must be squeezed into train stations.

Making transit accessible doesn't just mean space for scooters — the elderly or anyone having trouble with stairs benefit, too. It also means creating a system where those with limited sight or hearing can find their way without great discomfort or even danger.

The changes can also lead to controversy and uneasy compromises with able-bodied riders. Low-floor buses hold fewer people than older models, which helped make overcrowding worse.

After the TTC lost two human rights tribunal cases for failing to provide adequate announcements of subway and surface stops, the agency reluctantly put in place audio systems and electronic signs. The TTC was also forced to hold regular public meetings on its accessibility progress.

In a session two weeks ago, riders appeared to agree both Wheel-Trans and the TTC have improved since the previous year's highly-charged meeting.

There are more obstacles to address, and accessibility advocate David Lepofsky says many "cost virtually nothing to fix." For example, some scooter users say drivers don't always lower bus ramps right to the ground.

Everyone needs to adapt further — not just the TTC, but customers, too. Some apparently able-bodied folks charge onto buses or elevators in front of people with disabilities.

Then there's the problem of priority seating. The TTC is preparing new signs to remind us to offer seats to people who are elderly, disabled, have service animals or a white cane. And reversing a decades-long oversight, the decals will finally include expectant mothers.

Should we go farther than just ask riders to make way for those who need to sit? New York City now threatens fines for failing to do so.

Do we need this in Toronto? I don't see how such rules could be enforced, especially since some disabilities are invisible. Would transit employees have to decide which person is more deserving a seat?

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Letters

City being held 'hostage' by small group of strikers

Re: Toronto needs to keep cool over strike (June 26)

I had hoped that the less-than-brilliant comments about Toronto residents keeping their cool would have been challenged earlier. However, I cannot believe that such unwarranted advice goes without serious rebuttal. Why should we relax as, John Sewell, the former mayor, advises?

This strike is unconscionable. It is about greed and about a small group of overpaid and privileged employees holding more than 2.5 million residents for ransom.

This is, once again, CUPE determining how to gain control over our city. It is a strike about power and who wields it.

We, the citizens of Toronto, and particularly Mayor David Miller, have allowed this bargaining process to continue. Miller is part of the problem and will never be part of the solution. Former mayor Sewell led us down this garden path. He is one of the original proponents of allowing unions to get control over our lives and continues to proffer left-wing statements about process. The CUPE leaders are using "thuggery" to stop our city from operating.

What does John Sewell have to say to working parents who need daycare? Where is he when our parks are unfit for our children to play in and our beaches and islands unable to be used?

This strike is a challenge to our residents. At the next election, vote for change to eliminate the right for city workers to strike. Otherwise, we will have this continual battle of the rights of a few over the rights of those who pay them. The lunatics are running the asylum.

John Sewell should be ashamed of himself.

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Teck Resources reaches $1.74B deal

Mining giant Teck Resources Ltd. has struck a $1.74-billion private placement designed to lighten its debt load. Vancouver-based Teck said Friday that China Investment Corp. will buy 101.3 million class B voting shares for $17.21 each, 17.5 per cent of the company's B shares, and will hold onto the stock for at least a year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

Bell workers OK five-year deal

The union representing 2,500 Bell installation and repair technicians in Ontario said Friday the workers have voted to accept a new five-year contract. The contract will raise wages for permanent workers by 15 per cent over the term of the contract as well as improve benefits, pensions, vacations, and seniority rights, the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Business in brief

MEDIA The Washington Post's publisher apologized yesterday for a plan to charge business leaders and lobbyists for intimate dinner discussions with government officials and the paper's journalists. A flier surfaced last week promoting a plan to charge $25,000 to sponsor one of a series of dinner parties that would include off-the-record conversations with Post journalists and access to Washington insiders. The series was cancelled Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

More window-shop online

The recession is driving more Canadian consumers to shop online, comparing prices and features, but more often than not they are still going into the store to buy.

More Canadian merchants, from women's chain Reitman's to yoga wear specialist Lululemon, are finally opening their first online stores, despite the economic downturn. Younger consumers expect it and U.S. competitors are raising the bar, retailers said.

Even Canadian Tire, which stopped selling products online earlier this year, continues to operate a site where customers can check out its products before making a purchase. Early Internet adopters, including Best Buy and Future Shop, are plunging ahead with social media such as Twitter and Facebook on their websites.

"Canadians are online. They're researching often, and what's most interesting is they're researching earlier," Google Canada spokeswoman Wendy Rozeluk said. "Where we might have seen searches for patio furniture in the spring, this year we were seeing them in February. Because of the economic uncertainty, people are trying to be much more leery, figuring out where they can get the best deals." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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CRTC launches hearing on Internet traffic regulation

TRAFFIC How Internet service providers deal with thousands of customers using their networks will come under scrutiny by the CRTC this week with public hearings on their policies to manage or shape the flow of user traffic.

The CRTC hearings will look at Internet traffic management practices by service providers. Among ISPs testifying are Bell, Rogers Communications, and Quebecor.

Independent providers say they are penalized by practices to limit some traffic. "I have no way to change that experience," said Tom Copeland, head of the Canadian Association of Internet Providers.

Copeland provides Internet service to about 3,500 customers on Eagle.ca in Cobourg, Ont. He buys wholesale Internet services from Bell. The CRTC sided with Bell in a ruling last fall that stated Bell was within its right to regulate the flow of traffic on its network. Copeland's association filed a complaint in April 2008 saying that Bell's attempts to regulate who has access to the Internet at peak hours was an attempt to stifle competition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aeroplan customers launch suit over loss of earned miles

REWARDS Noella Neale spent years accumulating Aeroplan miles only to discover her account had suddenly "expired" when she tried to book a flight to San Francisco.

The Coquitlam, B.C., realtor later ended up paying $1,000 out of her own pocket to reinstate a portion of her 151,027 miles in order to send her daughter on a promised trip to New Zealand.

That was two years ago. Today, she is one of two angry Aeroplan members acting as petitioners in a proposed class-action lawsuit targeting the popular loyalty program.

The proposed suit focuses on the way Aeroplan communicated a 2007 change to its policy so that members who failed to add or redeem miles at least once every 12 months had their accounts wiped out. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fees

- Members who wish to reactivate expired accounts are charged a fee of $30 plus one cent per restored mile.

L'Aquila residents unhappy as G8 nears

ITALY At this week's G8 summit, the leaders will stay in a barracks instead of the usual luxury hotel.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi moved the summit from the posh island of La Maddalena to L'Aquila in a show of support for the town's earthquake-stricken population.

Some residents, however, are voicing anger at the slow pace of reconstruction and are beginning to question whether Italy's decision to move the July 8-10 summit is diverting money, time and manpower from the rebuilding of their shattered homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Say goodbye to beer fridge
Get rid of that old fridge in your basement that chills a few lonely bottles of beer. A 1975 fridge sucks up four times as much electricity as a new Energy Star model, according to the Ontario Power Authority. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Going Green

Cotton shirt's dirty trail
Need a new crisp, clean, lightweight cotton shirt? The trail behind it is anything but clean. It comes with a half-pound of pesticides, according to Gillian Deacon's Green For Life. Cotton is the world's most heavily sprayed crop, and at least half of those pesticides are classified as known or possible carcinogens. Choose certified organic cotton instead. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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No kidding, U.S. now green leader

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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If asked what major global shift occurred in the United States last week, how many would answer "the loss of the King of Pop?"

With all due respect to Michael Jackson and his family, far more important history was made in the United States, but was lost in coverage of his sudden and tragic death.

While Canadians have been enjoying the summer, heading for the cottage, firing off bottle rockets, and watching Thriller retrospectives, the U.S. has become the global leader on efforts to reduce greenhouse gases.

No kidding! Do you feel a bit like Rip van Winkle waking up to a different world? At the end of June, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that mandates a 17 per cent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020 and an 83 per cent reduction by 2050. The reductions are to be accomplished by putting a price on carbon dioxide emissions and instituting a cap-and-trade system.

Also included is a mandate that 20 per cent of energy come from renewable sources by 2020.

To maintain perspective, many countries have set more aggressive targets, but given the per capita energy use in the U.S., no legislative mandate to date in any country would have greater global impact.

What does this mean for us? Potentially a common market for trading carbon credits. We've been disappointed in the past about Canada pulling out of the Kyoto obligations and developing modest, much longer-term objectives (i.e., for future governments to worry about).

With the current global economy, more aggressive action to curb carbon emissions is untenable (probably more politically than economically). But, examined in the light of America's move, our government's policies seem brilliant. Stephen Harper is a genius (stop laughing)! If a common market for carbon is established under NAFTA, Canadian industries may become cleaner more by carrot than by stick. Industries would have an incentive to emit less carbon, being able to sell remaining credits.

Don't run out and invest in a windmill just yet.

Now, before running out and investing in windmills, an important caveat is the U.S. bill must still be passed by the Senate, which will consider it later this summer.

The legislation could be weakened or killed outright. We'll have to wait and see, and hope.

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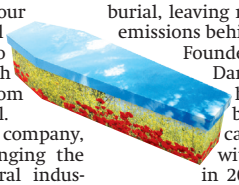
Staying green right up to the end

VALUES If you live by green values, why should it be different when your final farewell comes, says Eco Coffin, which makes coffins from recycled material.



The U.K.-based company, which is challenging the traditional funeral industry, uses a cardboard derivative called NatureBoard, which is made from recycled cardboard to build coffins fit for cremation or burial, leaving no harmful emissions behind.

Founder Sophie Dansie and her husband, Ben, came up with the idea in 2001 after a friend's funeral.

Managing director Nick Brealey says: "Choosing an Eco Coffin is not only a responsible choice in itself but also makes an important statement to future generations.

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Cancellera holds Tour de France lead

Britain's Mark Cavendish won the second stage of the Tour de France yesterday while seven-time champion Lance Armstrong finished safely in the trailing pack. Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland retained the overall lead. Cancellara won Saturday's opening time trial to take the yellow jersey. The Tour ends July 26 in Paris. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Hitler comments draw ire

The World Jewish Congress is calling for the resignation of Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone, left, after he was quoted as saying that Adolf Hitler "got things done." In an interview with London's The Times newspaper, Ecclestone also said democracy "hasn't done a lot of good for many countries — including this one." In a statement yesterday, the congress calls on teams, drivers and host countries to suspend co-operation with Ecclestone. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Blue Jays drop N.Y. shootout

MLB RESULTS

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BASEBALL Derek Jeter had four hits including a go-ahead two-run home run while Hideki Matsui homered and drove in four runs as the New York Yankees rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 10-8 yesterday.

It was New York's fifth straight win over the Blue Jays, whose five-run fourth inning gave them an 8-4 lead that never appeared safe on a day in which balls were again flying out of Yankee Stadium. There were four homers hit — all to right field — to raise the total to 139 at the new ballpark midway through the season.

Jonathan Albaladejo (3-1), recalled after Chien-Ming Wang went on the disabled list with a shoulder injury, got the win in relief. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

ALL STARS The rosters for the July 14 All-Star Game in St. Louis were announced yesterday and two Blue Jays, pitcher Roy Halladay and second baseman Aaron Hill, were named to the American League's 33-man roster. In addition, outfielder Adam Lind will have a chance to be named as the 33rd man in an online fan vote.

GOLF Tiger Woods won the AT&T National yesterday, making a 20-foot birdie on the 16th and closing with a 3-under 67 to hold off Hunter Mahan for a one-shot victory at Congressional. Bright's Grove, Ont., natives Mike Weir and Matt Hill finished 48th and 70th, respectively. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Federer's 15th Slam

Swiss great wins epic Wimbledon final, breaks Sampras' record

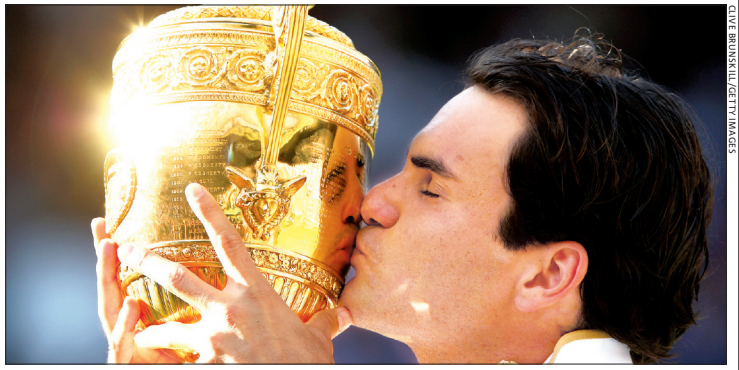
Switzerland's Roger Federer won his record 15th Grand Slam title yesterday, outlasting American Andy Roddick for his sixth Wimbledon championship in a marathon match that went to 16-14 in the fifth set.

Federer served a career-high 50 aces and overcame the resilient Roddick 5-7, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 3-6, 16-14 to break the record of major titles he shared with Pete Sampras and enhance his reputation as perhaps the greatest player in history.

The match finally ended after more than four hours when Federer broke for the first time all day, with Roddick hitting an errant forehand.

Federer jumped high in celebration, punched the air and whacked the net with his racket. Roddick tossed his racket to the side and the two men shared a hug at the net.

Federer is the third player to win six Wimbledon championships — Sampras and William Renshaw each won seven. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Roger Federer kisses the Wimbledon trophy yesterday after winning the men's singles final match against Andy Roddick 5-7, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 3-6, 16-14 in London.

5 Reasons to pay attention to the Gold Cup

JustSoccer

Ben Rycroft

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For whatever reason, hardcore soccer fans in this country tend to turn up their nose at the Gold Cup.

There are very valid reasons for any established soccer-loving country to do that, but this is Canada. And, frankly, we're barely on the beautiful game's radar right now.

Tournaments like this can help that. In 2000, when Canada shocked Mexico in the quarter-finals and beat Columbia 2-0 in the final, the soccer world sat up and took notice — as did the sporting public here. Canada jumped to 63rd on the world FIFA rankings and earned a berth in the Confederations Cup. We were at least on the world stage — even if it was in an extra's role.

There are plenty of reasons to take an interest in this year's Gold Cup, but here are the top 5:

1 Ali Gerba. In Gerba you have a pure goal scorer who can brood up and down the pitch for 80 minutes, before turning on a dime and scoring a goal that will have you out of your seat singing his name (applicable even if you're watching the game by yourself). The half-volley he took out of the air, giving Canada the win over Jamaica Friday, was simply world class.

2 Julian De Guzman is the kind of player who is easy to miss if you're not looking for his contribution. The stalwart defensive-midfielder closes down passing lanes and creates counter-attacking opportunities with a Bob Marley-like calm. He's perhaps the best player to ever come out of the Canadian system.

3 Stephen Hart-style soccer. Unlike some (Dale Mitchell) who have tried to force a style of play on a team (Dale Mitchell), Hart is confident enough to trust his players to a style that suits them. His free-flowing game is highly entertaining. Unlike some.

4 The proximity to home makes travelling support possible. Hosted by the Americans, both the semifinals and final will be in Chicago. As well, Canada plays El Salvador at Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, tomorrow. Red looks great in Crew stadium and best of all, Columbus is now sporting a police force that has been Taser free for 99 days. Here's hoping it can make it to 100.

5 It's a tournament we can win. And that's not something Canadians can lay claim to very often. The World Cup qualifying in 2008 is now a bad memory. Putting some titles to Canada's name over the next few years would make 2008 more of a drunken blur — which, in a way, is less painful.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca.

McNair's death a homicide, police say

SHOOTING Former NFL quarterback Steve McNair's shooting death was a homicide, police said yesterday, but they stopped short of saying it was a murder-suicide committed by the 20-year-old girlfriend found dead by his side.

McNair, 36, was shot four times, twice in the head, by a semi-automatic pistol, Nashville police spokesman Don Aaron said. The woman, Sahel Kazemi, was killed by a single gunshot wound and the pistol was found under her body, Aaron said.

Steve McNair

Aaron said the two had been in a "dating relationship for the past several months."

Asked if the deaths could have been caused by a lover's quarrel, Aaron said, "That's a very important part of the investigation as we work to ultimately classify Ms. Kazemi's death."

Police said they need to conduct more interviews with friends of Kazemi and McNair before they rule on whether her death was a suicide, Aaron said.

McNair, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, was married with four children. He and Kazemi were found dead Saturday afternoon at a Nashville condominium he shared with a friend. Police said yesterday that it appears the two died in the early morning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U of T launches bridging program for foreign-trained lawyers
With a $4-million investment from the Ontario government, the University of Toronto's law faculty has launched Canada's first bridging program aimed at foreign-trained lawyers seeking accreditation to practice law in Ontario. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Nunavut's first masters grads

At a convocation ceremony in Iqaluit on Canada Day, 21 Inuit women graduated with a masters of education from the University of Prince Edward Island, becoming the first students to earn a graduate degree in the territory. In a partnership between uPEI, Arctic College, Nunavut's Department of Education, and St. Francis Xavier University, the students in the MEd in Leadership in Learning program were not required to leave the Arctic for their education. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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One company's huge impact

Deloitte tells its employee's to skip work and volunteer once a year

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Seen here are some photos of last year's Impact Day in different parts of Canada. Clockwise from top, volunteers collect waste in Vaughan, Ont.; Sherbrooke, Que., colleagues dig for a good cause; and Deloitte employees from Halifax fix a bench at a senior's residence.

Proving that people can make the biggest impact of all, one company is shutting down its business for an entire day to let its employees make a difference in their own communities.

On its upcoming Impact Day on Sept. 26, Deloitte — one of the largest professional services firms in the world — is giving its employees the day off from work to go out into their local communities across the globe and volunteer their time to help people in need.

In an industry where the bottom line rules all, it's almost surreal to think that an entire company would encourage its employees to skip work and hand out food or renovate a shelter instead. Yet Eric Girard, a Deloitte partner and national chair of Impact Day in Canada, says that's exactly what the ritual, entering its fifth year, is all about.

"Last year about 80 per cent of our people left the office, rolled up their sleeves and helped out in their local communities across Canada. This year we're pretty much shutting down our business to participate," Girard said.

For 2008's Impact Day in Canada, close to 5,700 employees built a skating rink for at-risk youth in Saguenay, Que., handed out free lunches in Prince Albert, B.C., and mentored new immigrants on interview, resumé and job-hunting skills in Toronto, Ont., among hundreds of other projects. This year's event will see more than 460 projects completed across the country.

With employees strewn across the world, the global presence of a large company like Deloitte is uniquely suited for humanitarian efforts because it lets employee volunteers have a global reach. During Impact Day in 2005 for example, employees of Deloitte Grand Cayman helped rebuild residences in the Cayman Islands for victims of Hurricane Ivan and the Deloitte office in Cyprus helped lead blood donation clinics within that country.

Markus Navikenas, senior tax manager with Deloitte in Calgary, has coordinated several previous Impact Day outings in his office and says the best part is seeing employees' self-motivation in action.

"It's been an eye-opener for a lot of the staff as well — they really bring all the hard work and enthusiasm to Impact Day that they bring to their day jobs," Navikenas said.

Girard believes the true impact of Impact Day even goes well beyond the one-day affair as many employees often continue to volunteer after Impact Day is over, citing the experience as having changed their perception of volunteering.

Vanessa Vidas, an associate partner with Deloitte in Toronto, helped beautify public spaces in the city and cooked food at a barbecue for Community Living Toronto in the past two years during Impact Day and found the experience greatly affirming.

"The best part is seeing what a difference we make in people's lives. It's just so rewarding — it makes all the hard work worthwhile," Vidas said.

Workology in brief

JOURNALISTS IN TRAINING A new five-day journalism training camp aimed at keeping young people out of gangs wrapped up recently at Ryerson University in Toronto. More than 20 participants from the suburb of Scarborough learned to craft stories in multimedia form. Director Vinita Srivastava aims to impart media literacy and give youth an outlet for expression.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE According to Statistics Canada, the number of Canadians collecting employment insurance has risen by nearly 40 per cent since last October. In April, 697,000 people were collecting EU benefits, up 2.7 per cent, or 18,600 people from March. The largest percentage of growth occurred in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

RETIREMENT A new report from the Bank of Montreal Retirement Institute says women who are single in retirement face increased financial risks. This is due to a number of factors: In general, women earn less in the workforce; many women have worked fewer years as a result of taking time off during their career to raise children; and women who lived most of their life as part of a couple haven't put a "single retiree" plan into place so they are left unprepared if their spouse dies or they get divorced.

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uAlberta to accept Grade 12 computer science as admission subject

In a bid to attract more students into its computing science department, the University of Alberta will allow Grade 12 students to select their high school computer science class as one of three science courses required for admission into the bachelor of science program. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Job hunt heading nowhere? There's always gold mining

Job seekers watching employment prospects wither and lay-offs mount amid the recession might consider joining the gold rush, and a Northern Ontario school is hoping to educate that next wave of underground workers.

Many investors see gold as a hedge against inflation — when the dollar sheds value and can't buy as much, people hoard gold. In recent years, the price has hovered under $1,000 US an ounce.

Mining consultant Alan Gorman says base metal prices dropped considerably after the economy collapsed last year. Now, companies are doing more exploration for gold, hoping to revive old mining sites or find new ones in Canada and Africa.

Gorman says companies like Vale Inco, Xstrata and Teck Cominco that primarily produce base metals have either closed mines or made cutbacks over the last nine months. Those that focus on gold, such as Barrick Gold Corp. and Kinross Gold Corp., are "on the upswing."

"In terms of new employment, I'd say you'll probably see more happening with the gold companies."
Mining consultant Alan Gorman

"In terms of new employment, I'd say you'll probably see more happening with the gold companies."

Someone has to extract the precious metal, and it's not a matter of simply shaking a pan and plucking out the nuggets.

The Northern Ontario town of Haileybury is home to a mining school that hopes to benefit from a spike in applications as the gold sector enjoys a bull market.

Don Hillier, a professor at the Haileybury School of Mines about three hours northeast of Sudbury, Ont., runs a mining engineering technician program that prepares students for careers ranging from entry-level to management.

Over the course of two years, students complete modules by watching lectures and reading study guides online. Subjects include math, physics and chemistry, as well as technical communication and safety.

The gold sector is enjoying a bull market at the moment.

In a recession...

- Graduate Pamela Sword of Thunder Bay, Ont., came to the Haileybury program in her mid-40s after a 25-year career as an insurance underwriter. She says the program is a good option for people who have been laid off from other sectors, particularly if they have technical experience or live in remote areas with mine facilities nearby.

"A mine is like a miniature city," Hillier says, explaining the emphasis on technical coursework. "They can have their own water treatment plant, garages, and some even have their own hydro facilities."

Mines employ a variety of people, from engineers to pipe fitters to welders, "not just mining people per sé," Hillier says.

"They constitute only about one per cent of the overall workforce."

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Trent Oshawa campus approved
Last Monday, Oshawa city council unanimously approved Trent University's proposal to build a $22-million satellite campus on a portion of a former auditorium site. The council also voted to offer the university a 75-year option to lease the auditorium lands at a cost of $1 a year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going beyond baby talk for pets

OddJobs

"All species can communicate telepathically." Animal communicator Sue Becker

As an animal communicator, Sue Becker claims she can know what a cat muses about between meals.

Sue Becker once got a call from an owner of a cat named Hades. Kitty wasn't eating well and pacing the house, meowing.

So Becker, 57, an animal communicator, sat down in her comfy family room and mentally connected with him.

She soon got a telepathic message from Hades. He was lonely and wanted to spend more time with his busy owner. He also didn't like his name: He wanted to be called Shine.

At first Hades' owner was a little miffed by the name suggestion. A day later, she remembered: When he'd arrived as a kitten, her grandfather had just died, and she'd often hold the cat singing You Are My Sunshine. When she called Becker to tell her of this memory, she was in tears.

"All species can communicate telepathically," says Becker.

Born in Montreal, Becker always loved animals and got her first kitten at age 10. Nu-Nu was a big grey cat who allowed his young owner to dress him up in doll's clothes.

By high school, Becker had moved to Kitchener, Ont. She planned on becoming a veterinarian, but instead married young (but later divorced) and started working in a bank.

For 32 years she worked in banking. But another grey cat, this one named Ashley, got sick in the mid 1990 when he was 14. Becker immersed herself in research about everything from nutrition to homeopathy to try to help him.

She wasn't able to save her pet, but the readings and courses she did turned into a new career.

In 2002, she scaled back to part-time at the bank, and quit entirely a year later. While the bulk of her work is animal communication, she's also trained to do Tellington TTouch, a form of animal massage therapy, and treat animals with Bach Flower Essences. She also teaches workshops in animal communication.

As a communicator, she works by talking to an animal's owner about the problem, and getting a description of the cat, dog, bird or horse. Later, she sits down alone and focuses in on the animal.

She can almost always find the animal, even if it's dead, or as far away as Australia or Iraq. She then asks the animal, telepathically, what's wrong. The animal will send her images or words.

"I don't consider myself particularly gifted. This is something everyone could do who loves animals and remembers when they were young and understood animals a lot better."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Animal communicator.
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Katie thinks she can dance

After weeks of rehearsals, it's becoming clear: Katie Holmes has to know she can dance. "She's really blossoming into a gorgeous triple-threat star," says choreographer Mia Michaels of the actress' moves for the 100th episode of So You Think You Can Dance. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

Breakdown

Brad Pitt accepted a ride from the paparazzi — who he famously dislikes — after the motorcycle he was riding broke down on the side of the road late last week. POPEATER.COM

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Memorial tickets in demand

More than 1.6 million register for Michael Jackson ceremony in Los Angeles

The more than 1.6 million fans who registered for tickets to Michael Jackson's memorial service finally got word yesterday on whether they will be among the lucky few to get tickets for the ceremony.

Fans had to register for free at the Staples Center website between 10 a.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Saturday for the random drawing of only 8,750 names.

Each person selected will receive two tickets and was to be notified by email after 11 a.m. PT last night, according to a Staples Center news release.

The tickets will admit 11,000 people to the Staples Center plus 6,500 in the Nokia Theater overflow section next door.

Before the drawing, officials of AEG, the owner and operator of the Staples Center, will "scrub" the entries to eliminate duplicates and any suspected of being made by automated systems or "go-bots," Jackson family spokesman Ken Sunshine said in a statement.

Winners will receive a unique code and instructions on how to pick up their tickets today at an off-site distribution centre. When they pick up their tickets, a wristband will be placed on their wrists.

Fans must have both the ticket and the wristband to enter Staples Center tomorrow. Wristbands that have been ripped, taped or tampered with will be voided.

Sunshine said those steps are being taken to prevent ticket-scalping.

City officials are preparing for huge crowds. Police say as many as 700,000 people may try to reach the arena, even though a wide area around Staples Center will be sealed off to people without tickets.

City Councilwoman Jan Perry strongly urged people to stay home and watch the memorial on television. The ceremony will not be shown on Staples' giant outdoor TV screen and there will be no funeral procession through the city.

No details were given about the actual memorial events, which come as the country's second-largest city struggles with a $530 million US budget deficit. Perry said the cost of police protection for "extraordinary" events like the memorial is built into the Police Department's budget, but she still solicited help for "incremental costs."

Last month, donations covered about $850,000 of the city's $1 million cost for the Los Angeles Lakers' NBA championship parade. Critics had blasted the idea of using city money when it is considering layoffs to close its budget gap. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Members of the media listen to a news conference at the Staples Center in Los Angeles announcing plans for the late pop star Michael Jackson's memorial service tomorrow.

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Tribute to Michael
Brass band musicians on trumpet, trombone and tuba belted out A Closer Walk With Thee as the Essence Music Festival gave a salute to Michael Jackson befitting a New Orleans jazz funeral procession on the weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neverland odyssey

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Clara Sarabia, left, and Albert Minero, Jr., dance with fellow Michael Jackson fans to the sounds of the late pop star's music during an impromptu dance party outside Neverland Ranch.

For three young Canadian women desperate to make the pilgrimage south and pay respect to Michael Jackson, it was an arrangement so unique the King of Pop himself might have applauded.

Candice Affleck, Leslie Krygsveld and Rachel Suter had known each other for less than a week before they packed into Krygsveld's car and drove nearly 2,000 kilometres from Langley, B.C. to California. They drove overnight without stopping for rest, staying awake for roughly 40 hours before sleeping in their car in the street outside Jackson's Neverland Ranch.

Yet the dutiful fans of the recently deceased singer say it was the least they could do.

"Right now I feel I needed to be down here to be a part of history and to pay respects," said Affleck, 22, over the phone from a hotel room in Encino, Calif.

"When I got to Neverland I was gobsmacked. I'd never seen anything like it. We probably will never see anything like this again."

It seems even more unlikely when one considers the circumstances behind their journey.

The women met on June 27 at a Jackson tribute in Vancouver. Of the people there, Krygsveld said that the three of them were the only people willing to make the trip to California.

Krygsveld offered to drive, the women made plans to split the cost of gas and a hotel room, and the impromptu plans were born. On Wednesday, after Krygsveld, 27, had completed a full day of work, the women set out at 4:30 p.m., driving all night without a pause for rest. They arrived at Neverland on Thursday at 2 p.m., and found that the sprawling property that once housed a zoo, bumper cars, a ferris wheel and a roller coaster had, in fact, turned into a circus.

"There were satellite trucks and people everywhere, there were two Michael Jackson impersonators walking around and a Selena impersonator," Affleck said. But the throng was gradually whittled down to only the most devoted Jackson fans. And that's when the real fun began. "Towards midnight, we put on the music, the dance party started, and we all held hands and sang, and Leslie brought candles, which we handed out," Affleck said. "Just to look around and see the difference in atmosphere was brilliant."

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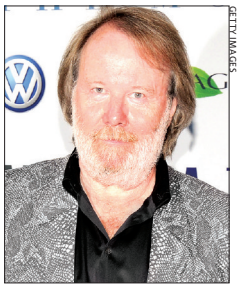
ABBA shoots down London reunion talk

Forget those reports that Swedish supergroup ABBA will be reuniting to cover Michael Jackson's sold-out concert dates.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Benny Andersson

"No one has even asked us, and if they asked us they would have 'no' as an answer, because (Jackson's concerts were) going to happen in a week," said Benny Andersson, who co-wrote ABBA hits like Dancing Queen and Take a Chance on Me with Bjorn Ulvaeus.

"And even if it wasn't happening in a week, no, no we're not on," Andersson said Friday.

Jackson died while preparing for a run of 50 shows at the 02 arena in London, set to kick off July 13.

There had been speculation that ABBA might reunite to fill the gaping vacancy at one of London's biggest and most important music venues.

AEG Live chief David Campbell was quoted in the Sun newspaper as saying, "There's a little foursome out in Sweden we keep talking to."

If so, that foursome wasn't Andersson, Ulvaeus, Agnetha Faltskog and Annifrid Lyngstad, who unofficially disbanded in 1982. Millions of fans have been clamoring for a reunion ever since.

Andersson, 62, said he sympathized with AEG's plight. "All of a sudden, they have 50 nights and they are just empty, you know. I don't envy the situation of the management down there. I understand that they need to do something, but we are not the answer." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Frey is writing for young people

James Frey, a former screenwriter best known for his discredited memoir A Million Little Pieces, is collaborating on a four-book series of teen science fiction novels that HarperCollins will publish. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The men behind the politics

Reagan's Secret War

Author: Martin Anderson & Annelise Anderson
Publisher: Crown
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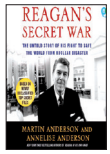

Martin and Annelise Anderson are nothing short of Ronald Reagan experts. Both former policy advisers to the president, the couple previously released best-sellers Reagan In His Own Hand, Reagan: A Life in Letters and Reagan's Path to Victory. In their latest release, the couple focuses on the Cold War and the influence Reagan had on ending it. In Reagan's Secret War, the Andersons make public information contained in millions of once-classified Regan library documents to argue that his long-time motivations were to eradicate nuclear weapons and topple the Soviet Union and that he was the mastermind behind convincing the Soviets to finally entertain negotiation.

Ted Kennedy: The Dream That Never Died

Author: Edward Klein
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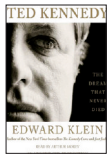

Perhaps known equally for his political life as his private one, Ted Kennedy has been a subject of public scrutiny for much of his lawmaking career. In this new biography, author Edward Klein speaks candidly with friends and family and Kennedy's colleagues in politics to express the man's legislative achievements set against a rocky past. From the 1969 Chappaquiddick incident, in which Kennedy drove off a bridge, resulting in the death of his passenger Mary Jo Kopechne, to his continued womanizing ways, Klein doesn't ignore the controversy in his chronicle.

Stone's Fall

Author: Ian Pears
Publisher: Knopf Canada
Price: $34.95 (Hardcover)

In the early pages of Stone's Fall, its title comes to correspond quite literally to the fall from a window suffered by wealthy pre-First World War London financier, John Stone, which results in his death. But the magnitude of his demise is realized later, when his widow Elizabeth hires a former journalist, Matthew Braddock, to track down a child of Stone's who is mentioned in his will. Braddock, quickly falling for Elizabeth, soon discovers Stone wasn't worth all that he boasted. But as the story unfolds in reverse chronology, a spy in Italy uncovers that Elizabeth herself may not be all she claims.

— BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

BookPicks

Ex-Beatles, Stones manager Allen Klein dead at 77

MUSIC Former music manager Allen Klein, a no-holds-barred businessman who bulldozed his way into and out of deals with the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, has died.

A publicist for Klein's company, ABKCO Music & Records, says Klein died yesterday at his New York City home of Alzheimer's disease. He was 77.

Klein became one of the most powerful figures in the music world in the 1960s.

Known for his tenacity in tracking down royalties and getting better record deals, he garnered clients including Sam Cooke, Bobby Darin and Herman's Hermits.

He was best known for signing on the Rolling Stones and then the Beatles.

Both arrangements eventually spurred lawsuits, with some Beatles fans blaming Klein for contributing to the tensions that broke the Beatles apart.

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Nicole's not preggers

Keith Urban is more than happy to dismiss rumours that his wife, Nicole Kidman, is pregnant again. "A little bit of tweaking (of photos) does that," he says of where it all comes from, according to Hollyscoop. METRO WORLD NEWS

Studios wary in wake of muggings

Criminals target musicians after recording sessions

DJ Montay rarely leaves the recording studio without having someone give the all-clear from outside, counting his blessings each time he's able to leave without any trouble.

"I don't feel completely safe," said DJ Montay, who has produced songs for Ludacris and Flo Rida. "I won't be by myself. It'll be a few other people there. So it'll be a bunch of us."

If the producer seems paranoid, he has reason to.

While musicians and producers are usually well protected inside the studio, danger can lurk outside. Some say petty criminals know where artists record their music, making entertainers a tempting target during tough economic times.

The latest violence occurred earlier this year in Atlanta, where Pearl Jam bassist Jeff Ament was attacked and robbed in front of the popular Southern Tracks studio.

Studio managers say they have been taking more precautions in recent years to keep artists safe before and after they lay down tracks — whether it be changing the locks and alarm codes each week, improving the picture quality of surveillance cameras or hiring extra security.

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Jeff Ament of Pearl Jam, shown in this file photo, was robbed earlier this year outside Southern Tracks studio in Atlanta.

"A lot of times people have an inside track to know when to get those guys," said Ronald Hausley, who has been a bodyguard for T.I. and Gorilla Zoe.

"There's a recession out here and everyone is a target."

In Ament's case, three masked men darted out of the woods behind the studio. Ament jumped out of the car and tried to get away but one of the assailants chased him down and knocked him to the ground. The robbers stole his passport and about $7,000 US worth of cash and equipment. No arrests have been made.

The studio has declined to comment but Southern Tracks has improved their security since the incident, building a 3.7-metre wooden fence around the parking lot.

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Ronald Hausley

There have been other incidents as well. Two men were killed outside recording studios in Oklahoma City and Atlanta earlier this year. Police have made arrests in a few of the cases.

While such studios as Fifth Floor in Atlanta, the Cutting Room Recording Studio in New York and NightBird Studio in Los Angeles have heavily secured entrances, everyone doesn't have the luxury of a private gate, a well-secured parking garage or office building.

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Halifax's Virgin Festival turns into free show after Hip cancel

MUSIC Halifax music fans got an unexpected invitation to a free concert Saturday after The Tragically Hip had to cancel their headlining spot because of an illness in the family.

The gates were thrown open at the Virgin Festival Nova Scotia site at the foot of Citadel Hill, allowing fans to hear The Offspring, Metric, Dinosaur Jr. and five other bands for free.

"The show goes on," said Andrew Bridge, the festival's director. "We built this great festival, we want Haligonians to enjoy it." People who already purchased tickets will be refunded.

Less than 24 hours before the festival started, The Tragically Hip pulled out citing "a serious family medical issue." It's the first time a headliner has cancelled at a Virgin Festival.

"It's kind of one of those things that happens. It's lost revenue," said Bridge, who remained optimistic about the festival's success. He said the free concert could be good for marketing. "Giving that brand experience is what it's all about."

Organizers originally hoped to sell 15,000 tickets but wouldn't say how many were sold before the decision was made to make it a free festival.

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1. **Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen** $42.5 million US (tied)
1. **Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs** $42.5 million (tied)
3. **Public Enemies** $26.2 million
4. **The Proposal** $12.8 million
5. **The Hangover** $10.4 million
6. **Up** $6.6 million
7. **My Sister's Keeper** $5.3 million
8. **The Taking of Pelham 123** $2.5 million
9. **Year One** $2.1 million (tied)
9. **Night at the Museum** $2.1 million (tied)

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critics' corner

U-Carmen
There's no bullfight in this reimagining of Georges Bizet's opera, set in modern-day South Africa and translated into Xhosa. Pauline Malefane plays Carmen, a cigarette factory worker romanced by a police sergeant and a singer — changed from the bullfighter of the original. 8 PM on BVO

Law & Order: Criminal Intent
A con man targets a lonely single mother as part of his scheme to hit an armored truck carrying millions of dollars. Nichols and Wheeler investigate the case when one of the con man's partners dies weeks later in an explosion in "Astoria Helen." 9 PM on CTV NBC

Dirty Jobs
In the new episode "Mike's Day Off," the doer of dirty jobs visits his doctor and challenges the show's executive producers, Eddie Barbini and Craig Piligian, to try some unpleasant undertakings in his place. And he picked a doozy for them: cleaning portapotties. They also try their hands at making custom-fabricated alloy wheels. 9 PM on DIS

Arraignment has been postponed to Aug. 18 for actor Gerard Butler, who was charged in Los Angeles with misdemeanour battery for an Oct. 7 scuffle with a paparazzo. Butler faces up to six months in jail if convicted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Young Slumdog Millionaire actor moves into apartment

FILM One of the impoverished child stars from Slumdog Millionaire will move from his shanty home in one of Mumbai's more wretched slums into a new apartment next week, his mother said yesterday.

"On Friday we got the keys," said Shameem Ismail, the mother of child star Azharuddin Ismail, who played the young Salim in the Oscar-winning hit.

The family started moving in over the weekend, bringing pots and pans, a television set, and their bird cage. Both Azhar and his co-star Rubina Ali lost their homes in May after authorities demolished parts of the slum where they lived.

Within days of the demolition, Azhar's family rebuilt their home — a shanty of corrugated metal, wood, and blankets, meagre protection against the pounding monsoon rains. But the filmmakers bought Azhar a one-bedroom apartment on the ground floor of a building in the Santa Cruz neighbourhood of Mumbai, not far from where he now lives and attends school.

Nirja Mattoo, who helps oversee the trust set up by Slumdog Millionaire director Danny Boyle and producer Christian Colson for the two children, said the trust is still looking for a home for Rubina. Slumdog Millionaire has grossed over $350 million worldwide.

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Actor Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail, left, plays with a cell phone on a window ledge of his new house in Mumbai.

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Susan in studio
Susan Boyle took time out from the Britain's Got Talent tour to record the first track on her planned album with Simon Cowell's team, people.com reports. "She sounds fantastic on record," says Cowell. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Madge salutes King of Pop

MADGE AND MJ Madonna didn't want to wait until Tuesday in Los Angeles to honour the King of Pop, popeater.com reports.

She paid tribute to Michael Jackson on Saturday night in the same arena where he was to stage his comeback, dancing along with an impersonator doing Jackson's distinctive moves.

Jackson, who died last week, was to begin a series of 50 concerts at the 23,000-seat O2 starting July 13. A picture of a young Jackson appeared on stage while Madonna was performing Holiday, then the impersonator came on, wearing a sequined jacket, white T-shirt, white glove and white socks in the Jackson manner.

The music then switched to Jackson's song Wanna Be Starting Something and the impersonator worked through Jackson's moves, including the famous moonwalk. The impersonator didn't sing.

After the number, Madonna told the crowd, "Let's give it up for one of the greatest artists the world has ever known," and the crowd roared its approval.

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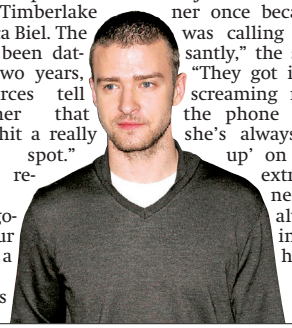
Headed to splitsville?

ROCKY ROADS There may be trouble in paradise for Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel. The pair has been dating for two years, but sources tell Gatecrasher that "they've hit a really rocky spot."



Things reportedly started going sour during a guys-only trip to Las Vegas Timberlake took.

"Justin had to leave dinner once because Jessica was calling him incessantly," the source says. "They got into a huge screaming match over the phone about how she's always 'checking up' on him. She's extremely needy and is always keeping tabs on him."

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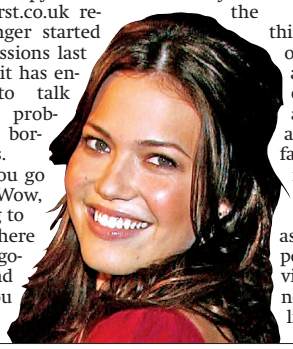
Mandy on therapy and sperm

THERAPY TIME Mandy Moore finds therapy "freeing," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer started counselling sessions last year and says it has enabled her to talk through her problems without boring her friends.



She said: "You go in thinking, 'Wow, I have nothing to talk about. Where is this hour going to go?' And before you know it, time's up. I don't have to burden my friends with the same things over and over again, and it's fascinating to get an unbiased point of view, to not feel like anybody would judge you. It's very freeing."

Moore also revealed she has an inking of a baby sperm after an impromptu visit to a tattoo parlour with her band. The 25-year-old beauty — who secretly wed musician Ryan Adams in March — told Women's Health magazine: "It's a baby sperm. We were goofing off, writing a song about babies or something. Somehow that evolved into everybody getting inked."

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Amy drinking'n'diving?

BAD GUEST Amy Winehouse continues to make life difficult for the staff at her Caribbean hideout. Now they've reportedly banned her from using the resort swimming pool, according to the Sun.

"She is regularly drinking large quantities of wine and rum and no one in her condition should be going anywhere near water," a source in St. Lucia says. "There are concerns that one night she won't be able to get out of the water and something tragic will happen. Staff have found Amy on a number of occasions collapsed on the grass by the pool after going for a swim."

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Hayden's 'spin' on botched tattoo

OH WELL Heroes star Hayden Panettiere isn't fazed by the misspelled tattoo on her back — because she doesn't have to look at it, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 19 year old has the saying Vivere senza rimipiantic — meaning live without regret in Italian — etched on her back, but the tattooist made a mistake. She says, "It is misspelled, whatever, I just put my own spin to it. Chances are I'll probably get it fixed, but that's why I love having it on my back because I don't get bored of it."

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Kevin, fiancée hit up some pie

PIZZA CELEBRATION Kevin Jonas and his fiancée, Danielle Deleasa, celebrated their engagement with party for family and friends at their favorite pizza parlor in Los Angeles Friday night.

Jonas proposed earlier last week with a ring containing 211 diamonds that he designed himself, according to People magazine.

"Kevin and Danielle have not yet set a date," the Jonas family said in a statement. "Family is very dear to us, and we hope we have raised Kevin to be a wonderful man and husband."

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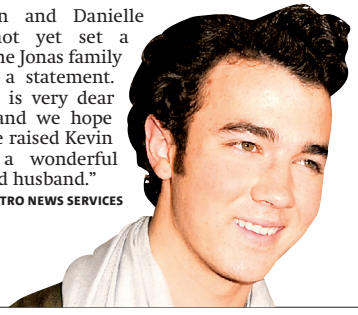

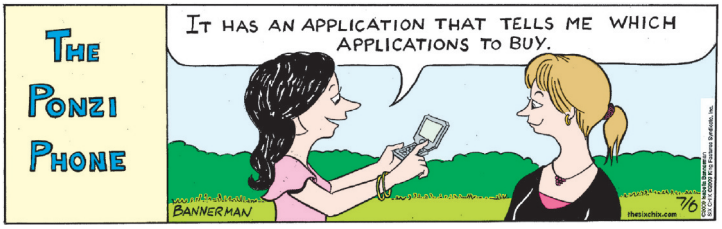

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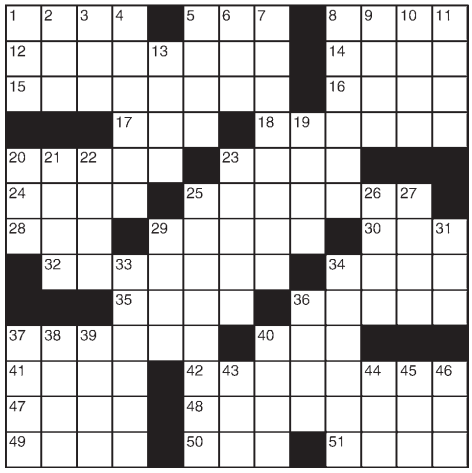

Crossword across

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5 Bro's kin
8 Hawaiian island
12 Period
14 Opening day?
15 Womanly
16 Give as an example
17 Crossword clue abbr.
18 Whiteboard adjunct
20 Censoring sound
23 Hebrew month
24 Feedbag fill
25 Inge play
28 Dallas sch.
29 Devour
30 Small barrel
32 NASCAR repair break
34 Deuce beater
35 Chooses
36 Song of praise
37 Long-short-short poetic foot
40 Actress West
41 Cheer (for)
42 Voters in college?
47 Initial chip
48 Place where motorists take five
49 "Cheers" order
50 "Mayday!"
51 Sicilian volcano

Crossword down

1 Vacationing
2 Regret
3 Shade tree
4 Pizza topping
5 Mix
6 Charged bit
7 Accelerates
8 Farm wagon
9 Parisian pals
10 Loathe
11 — -friendly
13 Break suddenly
19 Grate
20 Derek and Diddley
21 Aladdin's —
22 Needle case
23 Cars
25 Soldiers
26 Gumbo base
27 Rind
29 Catch sight of
31 Workout room
33 Wobble
34 Infectious fly
36 Treaty
37 Colorless
38 Top-notch
39 Doves' home
40 Disarray
43 Virgo neighbor
44 Mel of baseball lore
45 Director Howard
46 Hot tub

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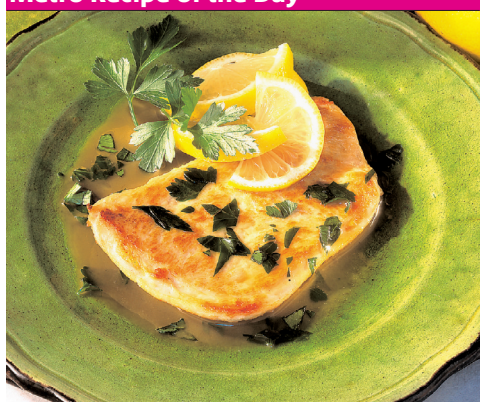

Turkey Escalopes with Lemon and Parsley

INGREDIENTS:

2 lemons
8 sprigs of fresh parsley
4 thin slices turkey breast, or turkey escalopes,
Salt and black pepper
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
3 tbsp (45 mL) unsalted butter
5 tbsp (75 mL) chicken stock

METHOD:

1. Squeeze juice from one lemon into bowl and set aside. Wash any wax from other lemon, cut into thin slices and set aside for garnish. Rinse and dry parsley and set 4 sprigs aside for garnish; finely chop rest and set aside.
2. Place turkey slices or escalopes, one at time, between two sheets of plastic wrap and pound gently with rolling pin until extremely thin. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Heat oil and half the butter in large frying pan over high heat, until bubbling. Quickly fry escalopes, two at time if necessary, 1 1/2 minutes each side, until lightly browned and no longer pink in middle. Then transfer to warm dish.
4. Pour stock into frying pan and heat, stirring and scraping up residue from bottom. Add half the lemon juice, remaining butter, and parsley. Reduce to simmer, add escalopes, overlapping if necessary, and any juices, and heat through for 30 seconds per side. Season to taste, and add more lemon juice if you like, then serve garnished with lemon slices and parsley.

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TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Let someone you have feelings for know how much you care for them. Don't just assume that they know already.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If others want to cut corners and break rules today that's up to them, but you are advised to stick to the straight and narrow.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you want to get ahead in your work and if you want your private life to run smoothly you must put aside petty differences. They're not worth the worry.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone who is full of their own importance seems to think they can say anything and get away with it. They're wrong.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may like to chat with people you hardly know, but don't give away information about what you are doing that might be used against you in the future.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The Sun in Cancer brings challenges but it also boosts your determination to succeed, so hang in there. Your luck will change soon.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
By all means aim to bring a feud to an end but don't give too much away. Compromise is a must today but it has to be a fair deal for everyone.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You're not usually this sensitive to criticism but the approaching lunar eclipse is certainly making you more touchy than usual.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have rarely been so popular, but you cannot possibly accept every single social invitation. Go where you feel you would have the most fun.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone will flatter you shamelessly today and although you know it's a monumental lie you will secretly enjoy the attention.

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FEB 19-MARCH 20
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6. Church official's guiding lights (2)
7. Coddler impeder (3)

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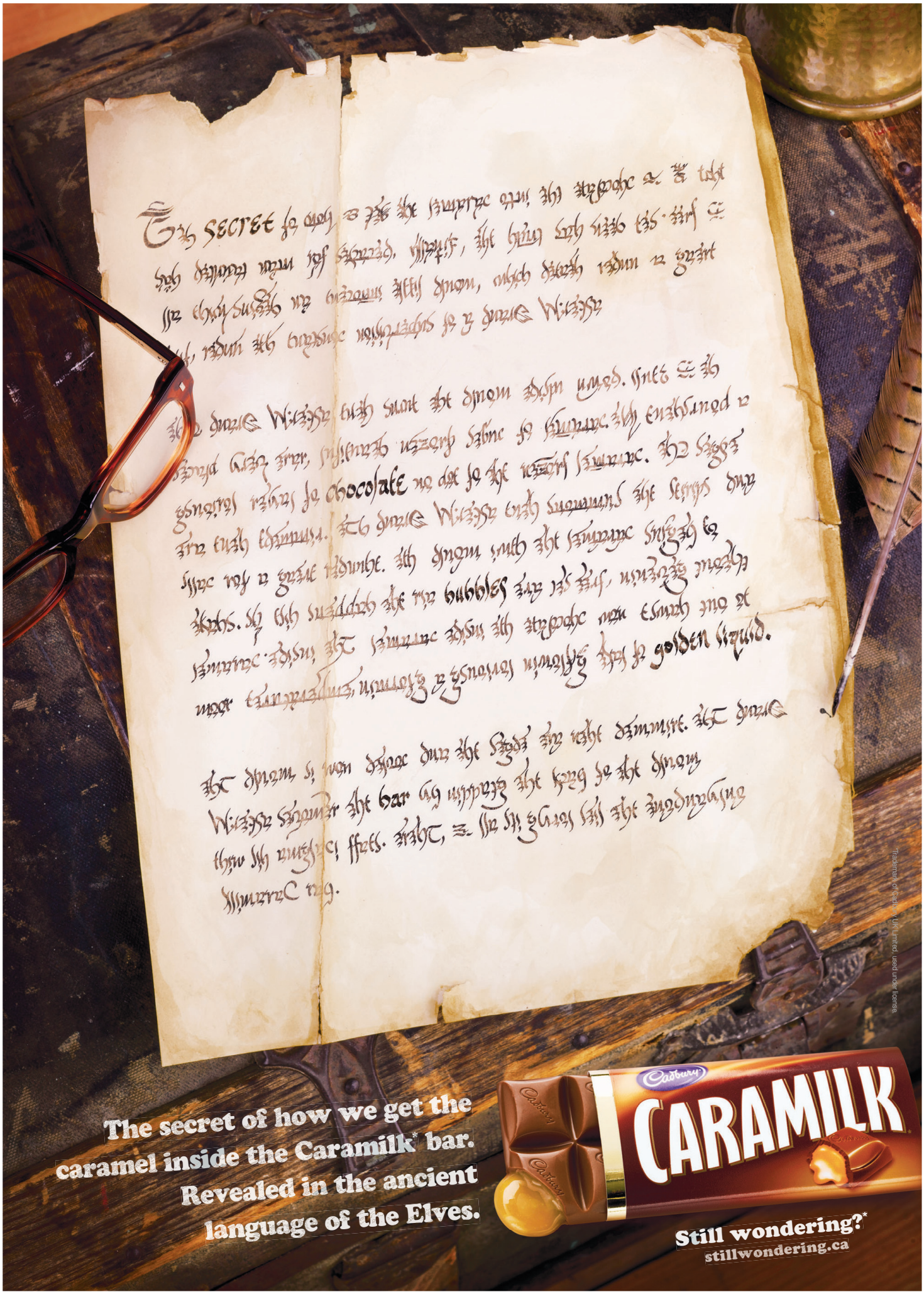
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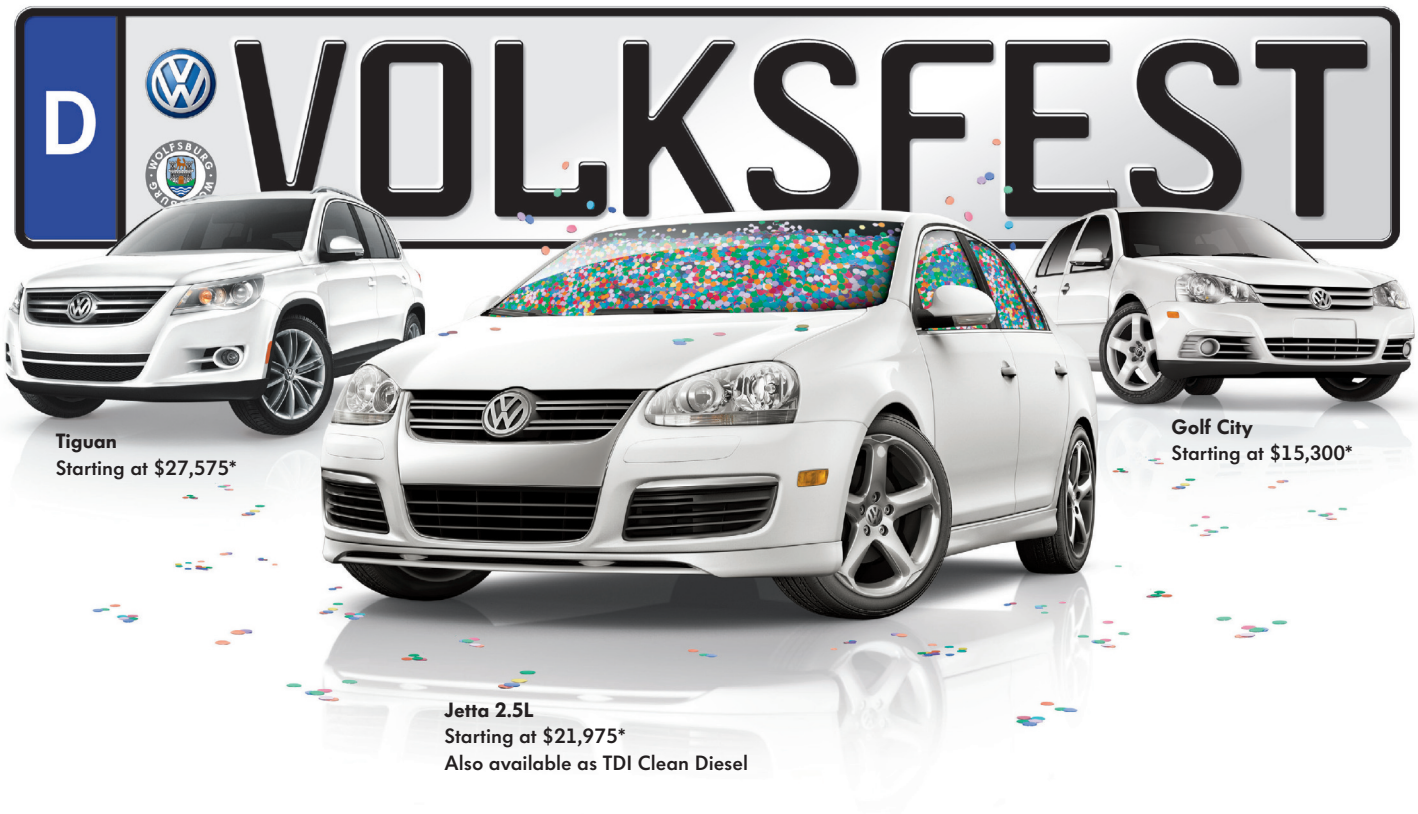

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